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SUBJECT: CHANG CHING-FU MINISTER OF FINANCE

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1. CHANG, BORN IN 1909 IN ANHWEI, BEGAN HIS CAREER AS A POLITICAL OFFICER IN THE FORMER NEW FOURTH FIELD ARMY UNDER THE LATE CHEN YI. HE PRESUMABLY REMAINED WITH THAT ARMY AFTER ITS REORGANIZATION INTO THE THIRD FIELD ARMY UNTIL MAY-AUGUST 1949 WHEN HE SERVED TEMPORARILY AS VICE MAYOR OF HANGCHOW. BETWEEN 1949 AND 1954 HE HELD CHEKIANG PROVINCE AND EAST CHINA REGION JOBS IN FINANCE AND INDUSTRY MANAGEMENT.

2. IN OCTOBER 1954 HE WAS PROMOTED TO VICE MINISTER OF LOCAL INDUSTRIES IN THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT, A JOB HE HELD UNTIL THE MINISTRY WAS ABOLISHED IN 1956. HE REMAINED AT THE CENTER AS SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE SCIENTIFIC PLANNING COMMISSION ESTABLISHED UNDER THE STATE COUNCIL IN 1956 AND BECAME VICE PRESIDENT OF THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES IN THE SAME YEAR.

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3. IN 1958, HE WAS ELECTED AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE EIGHTH

CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND BECAME THE PARTY SECRETARY FOR THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES. AT THIS TIME HE PROPOSED THE PRINCIPLES FOR A "LEAP FORWARD IN SCIENTIFIC WORK" WHICH WERE ADOPTED BY THE ACADEMY'S PARTY MEETING. HE WAS AN ANHWEI NPC DELEGATE FOR THE CONGRESS' FIRST THREE SESSIONS.

4. WHERE THE SCIENTIFIC PLANNING COMMISSION MERGED WITH THE TECHNOLOGICAL COMMISSION IN 1958, CHANG WAS ASSOCIATED ONLY WITH THE ACADEMY AND TRAVELED AS HEAD OF ONE OF ITS DELEGATIONS TO NORTH KOREA IN MAY-JUNE 1963 WHERE HE SIGNED AN AGREEMENT ON SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION. IN SPITE OF HIS CRITICISM OF OTHERS' "REACTIONARY SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMS" DURING THE HUNDRED FLOWERS CAMPAIGN IN 1957, CHANG HIMSELF WAS DENOUNCED SHORTLY AFTER THE BEGINNING OF THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION (CR) AS BEING "ANTI-PARTY" AND FOR TAKING "THE CAPITALIST ROAD." RED GUARD PUBLICATIONS CLAIM THAT PREMIER CHOU SOUGHT TO PROTECT CHANG IN A JANUARY 1967 SPEECH, BUT, IN ANY EVENT, CHANG WAS PUBLICLY DENOUNCED IN PEKING WORKERS' STADIUM AND PHOTOS IN RED GUARD PAPERS SHOWED HIM WITH HIS HANDS TWISTED BEHIND HIS BACK AND A PLACARD AROUND HIS NECK IDENTIFYING HIM AS "COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY REVISIONIST CHANG CHING-FU." A SIMILAR PHOTO OF HIM WAS REPRODUCED JUST RECENTLY IN HONG KONG'S MING PAO (JANUARY 22, 1975).

5. CHANG WAS FIRST REHABILITATED AT THE NATIONAL DAY BANQUET LAST SEPTEMBER 30. MOST RECENTLY, HE ATTENDED LATE 1974, EARLY 1975 FUNERAL SERVICES FOR CHINESE LEADERS AND WAS REPORTED IN A GROUP IDENTIFIED WITHOUT TITLES AND WHICH PRESUMABLY REMAINED JOBLESS PRIOR TO THE NPC.

6. SOURCES FOR FURTHER DETAILS ON CHANG'S BACKGROUND INCLUDE: "WHO'S WHO IN COMMUNIST CHINA" PUBLISHED BY UNION RESEARCH INSTITUTE; "BIOGRAPHIC DICTIONARY OF CHINESE COMMUNISM" BY DONALD KLEIN AND ANNE CLARK; "CHUNG KUNG JEN MING LU" (0022/0364/0086/0682/6922) PUBLISHED BY TAIWAN; AND "HSING HUO LIAO YUAN (2502/3499/3598/0626) VOLUME 6 PUBLISHED IN CHINA. CROSS

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